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Monthly Salamonie Senior Luncheon is set for Monday

The monthly Salamonie Senior Luncheon will be held at noon on Monday, April 4, at the Salamonie Lake Interpretive Center, 3691 New Holland Road, Andrews. Anyone age 50 or older is welcome to attend. Interpretive naturalist Eva Webb will give an overview of the Forest School Experience. The program begins with a carry-in meal at noon. Guests should bring a side dish to share, a beverage and their table service. The main dish, hot ham sliders, is provided by Friends of the Upper Wabash Interpretive Services. A donation will be accepted to help defray costs. Seating is limited. Reservations may be made by calling 260-468-2127. For more information, visit https://on.IN.gov/salamonielake or dnr.IN.gov.

Fort Wayne Komets game to celebrate Wabash County

Wabash County "will be the MVP" at the Fort Wayne Komets game on Friday, April 8 during Wabash County Night at the Allen County War Memorial Coliseum, 4000 Parnell Ave., Fort Wayne. The game time is 8 p.m. The game will feature the vocal talents of Mackenzie Sheridan, a Wabash native and vocal performance major at Manchester University, singing the National Anthem. Other events throughout the evening will celebrate the people and businesses of Wabash County, including Zamboni rides, the air siren to pump up the crowd and more. In addition to being in the spotlight during the game,

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Second COVID-19 booster available for some

Also, ISDH reports BA.2 variant detected in the state, but Omicron is still dominant

By ROB BURGESS
Wabash Plain Dealer Editor

On Wednesday, March 30, the Indian State Department of Health (ISDH) announced that Hoosiers age 12 and older who have weakened immune systems and individuals age 50 and older who received a booster dose of an mRNA COVID-19 vaccine at least four months ago are eligible for a second booster. On Tuesday, the U.S. Food

and Drug Administration (FDA) and the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) authorized the second booster shot.

"The ISDH is advising vaccine providers that they can begin administering second boosters of the Moderna and Pfizer vaccines to individuals who qualify to increase their protection against severe disease from COVID-19," stated the ISDH. "In addition, the CDC

says that adults who received a primary vaccine and booster dose of the Johnson & Johnson vaccine at least four months ago may now receive a second booster dose of either the Pfizer or Moderna vaccine."

Booster doses have been shown to increase protection from hospitalization and death due to COVID-19 and the Omicron variant of the virus, stated the ISDH.

On Thursday, March 31, ISDH media relations coordinator Megan Wade-Taxter said that Omicron continued to comprise the majority of

current cases in the state despite new variants emerging, including BA.2.

"Although BA.2 has been detected in Indiana, the original omicron strain remains the dominant strain of the virus," said Wade-Taxter.

After months of elevated local COVID-19 levels, the ISDH finally lowered Wabash County to blue, the lowest level, during their weekly metrics update on Wednesday, March 16. The local trend was reflected statewide as almost all counties in Indiana were also rated blue during that update.

However, on Wednesday, March 30, the ISDH announced changes to its COVID-19 dashboard "to align with national reporting measurements and better reflect the impact the pandemic is having on communities and healthcare systems."

Beginning with the Wednesday, March 30 update the COVID-19 dashboard at www.coronavirus.in.gov no longer reflects a daily positivity rate.

"Instead the dashboard will display a seven-day average

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'Menopause: The Musical' coming to Wabash



Provided photo

"Menopause: The Musical" is set to begin at 7:30 p.m. Saturday, April 2 at the Honeywell Center.

Musical parody set to take Honeywell Center stage Saturday

By ROB BURGESS
Wabash Plain Dealer Editor

A musical parody set to come to Wabash this weekend focuses on the lighter side of a universal experience for women.

"Menopause: The Musical" is set to begin at 7:30 p.m. Saturday, April 2 at the Honeywell Center.

"Four women at a lingerie sale have nothing in common but a black lace bra and memory loss, hot flashes, night sweats, not enough sex, too much sex and more," said Honeywell Arts & Entertainment public relations specialist Michele DeVinney. "This

hilarious musical parody set to classic tunes from the '60s, '70s and '80s will have you cheering and dancing in the aisles. See what more than 17 million women and fans worldwide have been laughing about for 20 years."

Tickets for the show, which is "for mature audiences," are \$25 or \$49, with limited premium seating for \$65. The show is sponsored by Siders Premiere Properties. Tickets may be purchased by calling 260-563-1102 or by visiting www.honeywellarts.org.

"It's exciting to get back out there. I'm hoping that we can stay out. ... It seems like

there's always a new variant they're finding. Scary times. But, it's nice to be back out even though we've got to follow all kinds of COVID protocol and things like that to keep things safe. That's been going pretty well," said cast member Teri Adams, during a recent phone interview. "Expect to have a good time. It's not Shakespeare. We do not purport to be anything that we're not. I think it's a great time right now for people to get out and get a laugh. Laughter is the best medicine. That kind of thing. We're living in some crazy times. It's just kind of a good time and so I would just encourage everyone to come out and see us."

Adams said performing was always something she knew she wanted to do.

"I remember in the fifth grade play I had the opening little line and from then I was just kind of hooked," said Adams. "All through high school I was in all the plays and musicals. I was a pretty good singer, so that was good. I went to college for it. Got a BFA in musical theater. Just kind of went on from there."

Adams is from Kansas City, which is where she started performing in the show in 2006.

Adams said the 90-minute show is "just kind of a party" every night.

"It was a musical that was kind of inspired by a hot flash and a bottle of wine," said Adams. "The show was created really as a celebration

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Presentation to explore Manchester's deep connections to the UN

Andrew Cordier had a bold vision for peace among nations

By ANNE GREGORY

What connection could Manchester University in northern Indiana have to the United Nations – a global organization that brings nations together to discuss common problems and find shared solutions in a troubled world?

Andrew Cordier, who graduated from Manchester in 1922, was a key player in drafting the UN founding charter and a stalwart advocate for peace. Later a professor at the college in North



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Andrew Cordier, who graduated from Manchester in 1922, was a key player in drafting the UN founding charter and a stalwart advocate for peace.

Manchester, he attended the Dumbarton Oaks Conference to help write the proposal for the UN and



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later officially joined as executive secretary to the president of the general assembly.

Manchester seniors Christopher Carroll, Omar Gadzhiev and Bradley Miley will talk about Cordier, the United Nations and Manchester's historical relationship with the institution at a presentation at 11 a.m. on Monday, April 4 in Cordier Auditorium on the North Manchester campus.

"Manchester and the United Nations: The Legacy of Andrew Cordier" is part of the Ideas, Values and the Arts series at Manchester, intended to expose students to a variety of cultural, artistic and intellectual experiences. Manchester is one of six colleges across the nation grounded in the values and traditions of the Church of the Brethren, a historic peace church, and Cordier had a bold vision for peace among nations. "A war-worn world needs

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Primary election voter registration ends on Monday

Early voting begins on Tuesday

By ROB BURGESS
Wabash Plain Dealer Editor

If you haven't registered to vote for the upcoming primary election, time is growing short.

Indiana's voter registration deadline is Monday, April 4.

Registering to vote and checking your status for the 2022 primary may be done online at http://IndianaVoters.com or by visiting your local county election administrator's office, said Indiana Secretary of State's office digital content manager Rick Davenport.

On Monday, April 4, online registration needs to be completed before midnight and registering in person at your local county election administrator's office needs to be completed before the end of the business day.

Absentee in-person voting begins on Tuesday, April 5 and will last through Monday, May 2.

"All registered Indiana

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Indiana American Water to flush Wabash water mains

Maintenance program is set to last from Monday, April 4 to Friday, June 3

By ROB BURGESS
Wabash Plain Dealer Editor

Indiana American Water will conduct water main flushing in the Wabash service area from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. Monday, April 4 to Friday, June 3, said external affairs manager Joe Loughmiller.

"The company conducts the annual maintenance program to assure high-quality water service and to ensure fire hydrants are operational," said Loughmiller.

Loughmiller said no interruptions in water service are anticipated as a result of the work.

"Customers may experience a slight drop in water pressure or temporary water discoloration while this program is underway," said

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Americans think highly of Jesus, reject his followers

When it comes to exploring what Americans think about Jesus, a new study offers Christian leaders both good news and bad news.

The good news is that 76 percent of Americans affirm the “historical existence” of “Jesus of Nazareth,” although it’s also interesting to note that if 89 percent of self-identified Christians embraced that statement, the implication is that 11 percent are not sure.

Meanwhile, 84 percent of participants in a new “Jesus in America” study – conducted by the global Ipsos research company for the Episcopal Church – agreed that “Jesus was an important spiritual figure.”

The bad news? While 50 percent of “not religious” Americans accepted this “important spiritual figure” language, they were much less impressed with the believers who represent Jesus.

When asked, “What characteristics do you associate with Christians in general?” the nonreligious selected these words from the poll’s options – “hypocritical” (55 percent), “judgmental” (54 percent) and “self-righteous” (50 percent). Next up: “arrogant,” “unforgiving” and “disrespectful.”

It appears that one of the goals of this poll – with questions about racism, social justice and last year’s attack on the U.S. Capitol – was to see if nonbelievers have different attitudes about liberal and conservative Christians, said political scientist Ryan Burge of Eastern Illinois University, author of the new book “20 Myths about Religion and Politics in America.” He is co-founder of the Religion in Public website and a contributor at GetReligion.org, which I have led since 2004.

“This is the million-dollar question,” said Burge, who is also a pastor in the progressive American Baptist Church. “If nonreligious

Terry Mattingly



seek more flexible alternatives?

“If there’s all kinds of room in mainline Protestant churches these days, and that’s putting it mildly, then why aren’t these kinds of people filling up some of those pews?”

In a statement backing the survey, Episcopal Church Presiding Bishop Michael Curry said it was encouraging that “Americans still find Jesus compelling.” However, it’s obvious the “behavior of many of his followers is a problem, and it’s not just certain Christians: It’s all Christians.” Thus, he added, Episcopalians are “refocusing our efforts on being a church that looks and acts like Jesus.”

One of the most provocative findings in “Jesus in America,” said Burge, was the study’s claim that only 38 percent of Americans believe “religion makes the country stronger,” with 28 percent seeing religion as a divisive force and another 6 percent saying religion “makes the country weaker.”

In a 2021 survey, the Pew Research Center found that 62 percent of Americans believe the impact of churches and religious organizations is positive, in contrast with 35 percent who said negative. In political terms, 76 percent of Republicans expressed positive views, with 22 percent negative, as opposed to those of Democrats, which were 52 percent positive, with 46 percent negative.

“There’s a big gap between those numbers,” said Burge. This is unusual, since the surveys were only a year apart.

people are turned off by what they see as the stricter faith of many Christians, evangelicals in particular, then wouldn’t it make sense for them to

On one hot-button political issue, Ipsos asked: “Do you think the events at the U.S. Capitol Building on Jan. 6 are associated with organized religion?” Overall, only 11 percent said yes. Among those who answered “yes,” 63 percent associated the attack with evangelical Protestants, including 76 percent of the “non-Christians” in that group.

When asked if Americans who “talk about their conservative beliefs are often disrespected,” 41 percent of participants agreed, including 45 percent of evangelicals, 40 percent of nonevangelical Christians and 33 percent of the nonreligious. Republicans were more likely to agree with this statement than Democrats.

There were striking agreements, and contrasts, between mainline and evangelical Protestants when the pollsters asked: “What values and lessons do you believe Jesus teaches?”

“Love your neighbor” was the top response overall, including 70 percent of mainliners and 80 percent of evangelicals. “Love your enemies” was affirmed by 54 percent of mainliners and 70 percent of evangelicals. For “feed the hungry,” it was 55 percent of mainliners and 60 percent of evangelicals.

“Repent and believe” was chosen by 48 percent of the mainline Protestants, as opposed to 73 percent of evangelicals.

If the purpose of this study was to spotlight “a Jesus who comforts the afflicted, but not one who afflicts the comfortable, then there is a problem,” said Father Kendall Harmon, a popular Anglican blogger and theological conservative.

“The Bible gives us a Jesus who is both.”

Terry Mattingly leads GetReligion.org and lives in Oak Ridge, Tennessee. He is a senior fellow at the Overby Center at the University of Mississippi.

5-Day Weather Summary

Saturday Scattered Rain 52 / 36	Sunday Partly Cloudy 56 / 41	Monday Few Showers 59 / 42	Tuesday Few Showers 61 / 48	Wednesday Few Showers 64 / 42

Sun and Moon

Today's sunset 8:08 p.m.
Tomorrow's sunrise 7:24 a.m.

First 4/9	Full 4/16	Last 4/23	New 4/30

Detailed Local Outlook

Today we will see mostly cloudy skies with a 50% chance of scattered rain, high temperature of 52°, humidity of 54%. South southeast wind 5 to 14 mph. Expect mostly cloudy skies tonight with a 55% chance of showers, overnight low of 36°. West wind 7 to 14 mph. The wind chill for tonight could reach 33°.

Loved to death

By JERRY GAUTHIER

Love is a word that is tossed around without much care. People use it as an expression like, “I love that coat, car, home, etc.” or maybe, “I love my new job.” A person might say, “I love you” to justify sex after a date or a couple might figure “love is all we need” dismissing any need for marriage. Parents who discipline their child out of love might hear in return, “I don’t love you.” Of course, in our hyper-sensitive society that likes to focus on the individual. Love is viewed not in the fullness of truth as God has made known, but rather love has become a famous fast-food slogan, “Your way right away.” With such misuse of love all around, let us be thankful for the reason for Lent.

God’s Word has spoken into our midst a much nobler and unselfish love that we are not used to hearing. St. Paul said, “God shows His love for us in that while we were still sinners, Christ died for us” (Romans 5:8). Man did not want to be

loved by God and God had no good reason to love man when our first parents fell into the darkness of sin. Nevertheless, the only one who could do anything about it was the Lord who knows how to love outside of Himself. This is why the season of Lent in the Church draws us into a mood and appeal of repentant faith. The law exposes the evil we do and the good that we do not do. It is for all to look outside of self to what God gives alone by His Gospel.

As the church is drawing closer and closer to Holy Week to come before the sacrificial love of God’s Son. Jesus Christ and His Word is true love designed to pierce the heart of sinful people. His love did not “sugarcoat” our sickness and death. Yet, it does have an embrace of love by the Heavenly Father finally lifted up on the cross for all to see His Son. Jesus loved you to death and His death is what we all need. St. John says, “In this is love, not that we have loved God but that he loved us and sent his

Son to be the propitiation for our sins” (1 John 4:10). His justifying work that has arisen from the grave is now a love made certain by God that there is forgiveness, life and Salvation.

Humanity cannot achieve love without some selfishness tied to it. Death also sweeps away any good love shared. This is why it must be made holy and special by Jesus’ sacrifice for all people, especially for you. He has given His Word and sacraments to the Church as a gift of love bound to the truth. Groups and agendas redefining love today will do no good and might even end up justifying hatred. Lent takes us to a loving promise that stands for those who believe in Jesus will not perish, but have eternal life. His word of love deserves the highest praise to speak the truth, sacrifice for others and rejoice that God has loved us to death by His Son. The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you always. Amen.

Jerry Gauthier is the pastor of Zion Lutheran Church in Wabash.

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voters are eligible to vote absentee in-person,” said Davenport. “Contact your county clerk’s office to find locations and hours for early voting. A valid photo ID is required to vote absentee in-person.”

Davenport said voting absentee in person is Indiana’s terminology for early voting in person at a county’s specified polling locations.

“Indiana is continuing to lead the way when it comes to conducting accessible elections,” said Indiana Secretary of State Holli Sullivan. “With the ability to register to vote online at IndianaVoters.com, it’s easier than ever for Hoosiers to check their voter registration status and take part in the elections process.”

On Friday, April 1, Wabash County Clerk Lori Draper said local voter registrations were on track for this time in a typical primary election.

“We are about the same this past month as we were two years ago during the election cycle,” said Draper.

In May 2021, Hoosier voters began to receive postcards in the mail from the Secretary of State’s office, which “mailed these

postcards as part of a statewide voter list refresh,” said Sullivan’s deputy chief of staff and communications director Rachel Hoffmeyer.

Hoffmeyer said postcards that were returned to the office as undeliverable would then be used to identify outdated voter registration information. If the first mailing was returned as undeliverable, a second postcard was sent to the forwarding address on file with the U.S. Postal Service. The second postcard asked the voter to confirm or update their residence address or cancel their Indiana voter registration using a postage pre-paid voter response card.

“When the postcards are not returned the voters are changed to inactive,” said Draper.

Draper said that currently Wabash County has 1,867 inactive voters.

“These voters can still vote and when they vote and verify their addresses at the polls they become active voters,” said Draper. “When they do not vote by November 2024 they are then canceled.”

On the morning of Monday, March 28, the Wabash County Election Board met in the Wabash County Clerk’s office to prepare for Tuesday, May 3 primary election.

Draper said an important part of the meeting was the testing of the voting machines.

Draper said the Wabash County Election Board tests the voting machines before every local election.

Representing the Wabash County Democratic Party was Nancy Whitmere and representing the Wabash County Republican Party was Nan Rowe.

Draper said the Wabash County Election Board also held an open meeting to discuss any election-related matters.

Draper said the direct-recording electronic (DRE) voting machines, the MicroVote Infinity and the card reader for the absentee vote by mail ballots were all successfully tested.

Draper said during the meeting portion, the polling locations were approved and will be sent to the Wabash County Board of Commissioners.

“We will publish this list once the commissioners sign off,” said Draper.

The proposed polling locations list is currently listed on the agenda for Monday’s regular Wabash County Board of Commissioners meeting.

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Obituaries

Dawn Bishop

Oct. 3, 1980 – March 29, 2022

Dawn Bishop, 41, North Manchester, died March 29, 2022. She was born Oct. 3, 1980 in Wabash.

Surviving is her mother, Diane (Deneve) Bishop; father, Arnold Bishop; sons, Dominic (Kayle Long) Morris and Kyler Morris; sister, Cheyenne Bishop; half-sisters, Lillian Cherokee Bishop and Lexi Willow Bishop; half-brother, Rick Hobbs;

grandparents, Richard and Dorene Deneve.

Visitation Thursday, March 31, 2022 from 4:00-7:00 p.m. at McKee Mortuary. Funeral services begin Friday, April 1, 2022 at 11:00 a.m. with visitation beginning at 10:00 at Congregational Christian Church, 310 North Walnut Street, North Manchester. Burial will be at Oaklawn Cemetery, North Manchester.

Donna M. Clark

Donna M. Clark, 66, Warsaw, formerly of North Manchester, Indiana, passed away on the morning of March 31, 2022 at Coventry Meadows in Fort Wayne, Indiana.

Donna M. Clark will be forever cherished by her husband, Michael Clark; sons, Jonathon (Bernadette) Clark, and Tim Clark; daughters, Elizabeth (Jacob) Good and

Amy (Adrian) Ford; brothers, Douglas Stamate and William Stamate; and nine grandchildren.

Family and friends may call Monday, April 4, 2022 from 11:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. at the Christian Fellowship Church, 1002 East State Road 114, North Manchester. Funeral services will begin at 1:00 p.m.

Marilyn S. McClain

Marilyn S. McClain, 82, of Wabash, Indiana passed away on March 29, 2022.

Funeral service will be held at 2 p.m. on April 5, 2022, at McDonald Funeral Home, 231 Falls Avenue, Wabash, Indiana 46992.

Visitation for family and friends will be 2 hours prior to the funeral service from noon-2 p.m. on Tuesday at the funeral home.

Online condolences may be sent to the family at www.mcdonaldfunerals.com

Tiffany Smith

Funeral services for Tiffany Smith are 10:00 am, Monday, April 4, 2022, at Grandstaff-Hentgen Fu-

neral Service, Wabash. Burial in Lagro Cemetery. Visitation 2-5 pm Saturday.

Medical screening event coming Saturday, April 9

STAFF REPORT

Residents will have the opportunity to learn about their risks for cardiovascular disease, osteoporosis, diabetes and other chronic, serious conditions with “affordable” screenings by Life Line Screening, according to a press release.

The community event is set for Saturday, April 9 at the Honeywell Center, 275 W. Market St.

Screenings may check for the level of plaque build-up in arteries related to the risk for cardiovascular disease, stroke and overall vascular health; HDL and LDL cholesterol levels;

diabetes risk; bone density as a risk for possible osteoporosis; kidney and thyroid function; and more.

“Screenings are affordable and convenient,” stated the release.

Free parking is also available.

Special package pricing starts at \$159, “but consultants will work with you to create a package that is right for you based on your age and risk factors,” stated the release.

Pre-registration is required.

For more information, call 877-237-1354 or visit www.lifelinescreening.com.

MENOPAUSE

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of women and the change. It used to be kind of this taboo thing to thing to talk about. I think that speaks to the longevity of our show because somebody somewhere is always going through menopause. That’s the beauty of it. It’s always relevant.”

Adams said she and her fellow performers “feel like rock stars sometimes.”

“It’s crazy. The women will bring their friends. They don’t just tell them about it. They want to bring them back. There’s kind of a unique bond between the audience and us gals on stage. Just kind of celebrating this time in our lives. We want to celebrate the fact that it’s a time for women to take charge and realize they’re still impactful, viable parts of society rather than thinking the best years of our lives are behind us,” said Adams.

Adams said the musical parodies include a reimagined version of the Bee Gees’ “Stayin’ Alive” changed to

“Stayin’ Awake,” which is part of their disco medley, and a new version of the Peter, Paul and Mary song “Puff the Magic Dragon,” “Puff, My God, I’m Draggin’.”

Adams said that in addition to their expected audience of adult women, they often see teenage girls and grown men in the crowd, as well.

“It’s funny because some of our people that are backstage they’ll tell us if there are men in the audience,” said Adams. “And they look kind of gruff and kind of like ‘What am I doing here?’ They’re looking for other male eyes in the crowd. They end up just loving it. One of our male patrons once said that it should be a mandatory workshop for all men, which we thought was hilarious. Because they might learn a little something. And there were some moments in the show that are geared for the fellas. They enjoy it. After they get used to being there, they are along for the ride just like everyone else is.”

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our philosophy and examples of peace, a luxury-mad world, with yawning chasms between rich and poor, needs our examples of the simple life,” he said in a letter to a past Manchester president.

Manchester in 1948 launched the first undergraduate peace studies program in the world.

The presentation will conclude with a discussion about Manchester’s Model

UN Club activities on and off-campus.

Manchester’s Model UN team won three awards at the 42nd Annual Model United Nations Security Council Conference for University Students (Model UN) in Indianapolis this fall. Gadzhiev is president and Carroll is vice president of Manchester’s Model UN Club. Miley has been active in the club throughout his time at Manchester.

Anne Gregory is the assistant director of media relations in the Office of Strategic Communications at Manchester University.

VIRTUAL AND IN-PERSON CHURCH SERVICES

Asbury Country Church

Sunday, April 3.

On Sunday, April 3 at Asbury Country Church, 1998 E. 250 South, the Sunday school will be at 10 a.m., and the worship service will be at 10:40 a.m. The worship and music leader will be Amy Bullick, and the piano will be by Roger Marine. The morning message, “Someone Is Listening,” will be delivered by Pastor Mike Bullick.

Bachelor Creek Church of Christ

Online services are available by visiting www.bachelorcreek.com.

Christ United Methodist Church

Worship service will also be live-streamed on our Facebook page at www.facebook.com/ChristUMCWabash/.

Christian Heritage Church

Streaming services online and broadcast on 95.9 FM.

College Corner Brethren Church

College Corner Brethren Church is now holding in-person services at 10:15 a.m. Sundays at 8996 S. 500 West, with Pastor Solomon David. The sermons are still on YouTube and Facebook.

Common Ground Prayer House

The Common Ground Prayer House will be open to the public from 8 to 10 a.m. Mondays, except holidays, at 78 W. Hill St. For more information, call Jennifer Mahan at 260-571-8063, Shirley Neale at 260-591-0047 or Debbie Sweet at 260-571-6072.

Dora Christian Church

On Sunday, April 3 at Dora Christian Church, 2325 S Salamonie Dam Road, Lagro, the minister will be Mark Wisniewski, the song leader will be Olman Sanchez, the pianist will be Sherry Brock and the organist will be Kristy Good. We have two in-person Sunday services, one at 8:15 a.m. and one at 10:30 a.m., with Sunday school classes for all ages from 9:30 to 10:15 a.m. The message for both services will be “Slow Down to Go Fast” from Mark 11:11-17 and Luke 14:28-30, as the last part of the sermon theme of “Redeeming the Time.” The Communion Table will be served by John Troyer and Bill Miller. There will be a Children’s Church for the 10:30 a.m. service led by Randall and Linda Good. A recorded version of the sermon will also be available for viewing on the Dora Christian Church Facebook group by the morning of

LaFontaine Christian Church

The LaFontaine Christian Church pre-records the sermon which is then available for all to view at www.lafontainechristian.com under the sermons tab, stated Pastor Brad Wright.

LaFontaine United Methodist Church

Pastor Susan Shambaugh says that her LaFontaine United Methodist Church is showing replay videos on their Facebook page, <https://www.facebook.com/LaFontaine-United-Methodist-Church>. In-person services start at 9:30 a.m. Sundays.

Lincolnvile United Methodist Church

Lincolnvile United Methodist, 5848 E. 500 South, is going back to one worship service. The worship service is at 10 a.m., and Sunday school is at 9 a.m. For more information, email pastorjohn1954@gmail.com or call 260-563-1406.

Living Faith Lutheran Church

Welcome to our in-person worship service at 10:10 a.m. Sundays at Living Faith Lutheran Church, 242 S. Huntington St. Bible study and Sunday school are at 9 a.m. for all ages. The sanctuary is arranged for social distancing. Masks are encouraged and available. Online services are at 10:10 a.m., with pre-service music at 10 .m. For virtual services and more information, visit www.livingfaithwabash.org.

Manchester Church of the Brethren

Pastor Kurt Borgmann from the Manchester Church of the Brethren stated they will hold a live-stream service at 9:30 a.m. every Sunday by visiting www.manchestercob.net. Scroll to the bottom of the home page and click on the black button that says, “Manchester CoB YouTube Channel.” After the service is finished, one may access a video copy of the live stream in the same way. Another way to access the live stream or posted video: go to YouTube, search “Manchester Church of the Brethren,” and click on the circle profile.

North Manchester Congregational Christian Church

Pastor Sebrena Cline stated live streaming begins on their Facebook page at 10 a.m. Sundays for the North Manchester Congregational Christian Church, and lasts 30 to 40 minutes.

North Manchester Missionary Church

The North Manchester Missionary Church is streaming live on its Facebook page at 10 a.m. Sunday. The video is then placed on their webpage, which can be viewed by visiting NMMC1.com.

Olive Branch Church of God

The Olive Branch Church of God live-streams Sunday mornings at 10 a.m. Find it through Facebook, by searching Olive Branch Church, or by visiting www.facebook.com/myolivebranchchurch or through the church website www.olivebranch.church. Click “Live Streaming” at the top, then click the series icon (lion head).

Richvalley United Methodist Church

Worship at Richvalley United Methodist Church begins at 9:30 a.m. Sundays at 290 N. Jefferson St. Sunday school begins at 10:45 a.m. For more information, call 260-563-1033 or email rvumc@hotmail.com.

Southside Free Will Baptist

Streaming on their Facebook page.

St. Patrick’s Church

The historic St. Patrick’s Church, 950 Main St., Lagro, will hold mass days on April 3, May 1, June 5, July 3, Aug. 7, Sept. 4, Oct. 2, Nov. 6 and Dec. 4. All masses begin at 11 a.m. The Lagro 950 Speakeasy Bistro opens at 11 a.m. for an after-mass lunch at 950 Washington St., Lagro.

Sweetwater Assembly of God

Streaming services online using the normal service schedule.

Urbana Yoke Parish

Rev. Larry Wade of the Urbana Yoke Parish stated that his congregation posts Sunday services to www.urbanayokeparish.com. Go to the menu line at the top of the page and select “Worship Videos.” The most recent one will appear first. Sunday services are posted by noon every Tuesday.

Wabash Christian Church (Disciples of Christ)

Welcome to Wabash Christian Church (Disciples of Christ), 110 W. Hill St. In-person worship is at 9:30 a.m. on Sunday mornings in the sanctuary or via live stream for the church at home on the Wabash Christian YouTube Channel. Access is also available on our Facebook page and website wabashchristian.org.

Stephen Eberhard is the Minister.

Wabash Church of the Brethren

At Wabash Church of the Brethren, 645 Bond St., services will be at 10:30 a.m. Sunday in person. Masks are recommended. There is no children’s church or Sunday school at this time. You may reach Pastor Doug Veal at the church office, 260-563-5291, on his cell phone at 260-225-3014, or by email at pastordoug@wabashcob.org.

Wabash Church of the Nazarene

Pastor Kirk Johnson, of the Wabash Church of the Nazarene, stated their service is available on YouTube on Sundays at 10:30 a.m. Find it by going to YouTube and searching for “Wabash Nazarene” or searching Facebook for the Wabash Church of the Nazarene. Another option is to visit www.wabashnaz.com, look for the home page, and find “Latest Sermon.”

Walk by Faith Community Church

At the Walk by Faith Community Church in Roann, Sunday school begins at 9 a.m. and the worship and children’s worship services begin at 10 a.m. The Walk by Faith Youth ministry meets at 5 p.m. every Sunday. “All are welcomed and we would love for you to join us,” said Pastor Judy Tyner. For more information, visit www.walkbyfaithcommunitychurch.com.

Wabash First Church of God

At the 10:30 a.m. Sunday, April 3 worship service at Wabash First Church of God, 525 N. Miami St, Pastor Robb Rensberger will speak on, “The Sheep’s Door.” The sermon may also be seen on YouTube under Wabash 1st Church and heard at 11 a.m. Sunday on 105.9 FM. Sunday servants are Dorothy Carpenter, chairperson; Sue White, worship; Rose Sands and Nancy Kolb, special music; Nancy Kolb, piano; and Rose Sands, organ.

Zion Lutheran Church of Wabash

Pastor Jerry Gauthier says that the Zion Lutheran Church of Wabash is streaming through their Facebook page at www.facebook.com/zionwabash at 10:30 a.m. Sundays.

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of cases and indicate whether that number is trending up or down. The dashboard also will cease publishing the state’s county and advisory metric maps and instead follow the community transmission measurements recently announced by the CDC,” stated the ISDH.

In addition, the dashboards publication schedule will be revised, with updates posted on Monday, Wednesday and Friday of each week.

Chief Medical Officer Lindsay Weaver, M.D., FACEP, said the changes reflect a national shift toward using hospitalization data as the leading indicator of the impact that COVID-19 has on a community. She said

the dashboard update “is the first step toward a broader movement toward general surveillance models, such as those used to measure current levels of influenza.”

“The increased use of at-home tests and other antigen tests that are never reported to the state has diluted the value of posting a daily positivity rate,” Weaver said. “A better measurement is the impact that COVID-19 is having on our healthcare systems, and our dashboard revisions will make it much easier to see how hospitals are being impacted.”

Weaver said the dashboard changes will include the ability to sort metrics by demographics, including age, race and ethnicity, “and will provide a clearer

breakdown of COVID-19 hospitalizations as part of the total hospital census.”

To find a vaccine location, visit www.ourshot.in.gov or call 866-211-9966.

“Appointments are recommended, but many sites also

accept walk-ins,” stated the ISDH.

For more information, visit www.health.in.gov.

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DAILY SCRIPTURE

Your ears shall hear a word behind you, saying, "This is the way, walk in it," whenever you turn to the right hand, or whenever you turn to the left.

Isaiah 30:21

Just say 'no' to permanent Daylight Saving

When has the U.S. Senate ever moved faster?

In less than 30 seconds last week, lawmakers unanimously consented to make daylight saving time permanent. The legislation never even came up for debate. Senators were apparently cranky enough about losing an hour of sleep last weekend to basically say they'd had enough.

In one sense, reform is welcome. Changing clocks twice a year – a policy adopted during World War I to conserve electricity – is disruptive to people's sleep and health. It's been associated with a rise in heart attacks, strokes and mood disorders; a spike in morning car crashes; and widespread discomfort, whining and unhappiness. By one estimate, the time shift costs the economy some \$434 million annually.

Sticking with the same time all year, then, would surely make sense. But why choose daylight saving time without a moment's consideration of the alternative?

Standard time is better

aligned with the position of the sun and human nature. It generally synchronizes people's waking with sunrise and bedtime with darkness, in accordance with circadian rhythms. It also enables children and adults to go to school and work in daylight.

DST effectively does the reverse. By increasing exposure to morning darkness and evening light, it shifts body clocks later in the day and makes it difficult to fully wake up or easily fall asleep, a particular hazard for children. Having to be at school or work unnaturally early leads to "social jet lag," which is associated with a higher risk of obesity, heart disease and depression. As for conserving energy, the original rationale? Studies suggest DST may in fact do the opposite.

Of course, DST has its benefits. Some businesses – such as golf course operators and retail stores – may prefer giving customers an extra hour of sunlight on their way home from work. (Coffee shops might feel differently.) Added daylight also seems to

be associated with a decrease in robberies and in evening car crashes. And many people simply prefer the extra afternoon light: In fact, a solid plurality of Americans now say they want to make DST permanent.

Perhaps they don't remember how unhappy everyone was the last time Congress imposed year-round DST, during the oil embargo of the early 1970s. Although the change was popular at first, late sunrises in the dead of winter soon weighed on people's minds. Energy savings proved negligible. Stories about children being injured or killed in accidents while walking to school in the dark gained national attention. Support for the initiative plunged by 37 percentage points in just three months. Congress soon reversed course entirely.

It will now fall to House lawmakers to once again determine the fate of daylight saving time. Before repeating a failed experiment, they should slow down and shed some more sunlight on this debate.

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Public health emergency ended, but patients still need direct access to APRNs

Dr. ANGELA THOMPSON

On March 4, Indiana's COVID-19 public health emergency executive orders, first authorized in March 2020 by Gov. Eric Holcomb, came to an end. These executive orders have been vital in combating the COVID-19 pandemic and, importantly, empowering advanced practice registered nurses (APRNs) to significantly strengthen Hoosiers' access to health care across the state.

It is clear that patients directly benefited from the temporary suspension of these regulatory barriers for APRNs. The executive order reduced wait times for care, enabled underserved patients to receive care closer to home, allowed APRNs to travel where they are most needed and removed regulatory roadblocks – at no cost to the taxpayer. This proved to be a boon to Hoosiers' health and access. Given the state's ongoing primary care access crisis and the continuing pandemic, it is time for the state legislature to repeal these outdated regulations permanently, giving Hoosiers the option to choose APRN-provided health care year-round, not only during a public health emergency.

Under current law, the state's nearly 8,000 educated and clinically trained, nationally certified and state-licensed APRNs are also required to sign a contract with a physician – known as a "collaborative practice agreement" – in order to deliver patient care. Far from

professional collaboration, these contracts are a condition of APRN practice, and the contracting physician retrospectively reviews a small subset of patient charts for "quality assurance." The contracted physician is not involved with patient care, and in fact, is likely not present when care is delivered. According to the congressionally chartered National Academy of Medicine, states should empower nurses to work to the top of their profession. The Federal Trade Commission has repeatedly found these contracts to be anti-competitive.

Today, over 2.1 million Hoosiers lack access to essential primary health care services in their community. The federal government has designated 117 health care provider shortage areas across the state. If that wasn't bad enough, The United Health Foundation's 2021 America's Health Ranking put Indiana an alarming 36th among all states when it comes to health care access, quality and other measures.

In that same United Health Foundation ranking, nine out of the top ten healthiest states have removed regulations restricting access to care provided by nurse practitioners (NPs), which represent the largest APRN segment in Indiana. In total, 24 states, the District of Columbia, the national VA health system, and two US Territories have removed these regulations and have seen increased access to care for their states. Unfortunately, our state

legislature has yet to follow suit.

Permanently removing these regulations will ensure that APRNs are able to deliver the care they were educated, clinically trained, and certified to provide, expanding access to health care for patients across the state. Giving Hoosiers direct access to APRN care will also give the state's citizens more choice in selecting a health care provider that meets their needs. APRNs are more available, provide more personal attention, and provide a patient-centered, prevention-focused, holistic approach to care.

Throughout the COVID-19 pandemic, we have relied on Indiana's APRNs to establish and staff COVID-19 testing centers, administer vaccines in underserved communities, and care for patients in primary care, home health, telehealth, nursing home, and hospitals and intensive care settings. As we look forward to better days ahead, we urge our policymakers to permanently grant patients direct access to the high-quality care APRNs deliver. It's a no-cost, no-delay solution to ensure Hoosiers affordable, accessible health care everywhere.

Dr. Angela Thompson is the president of the Coalition for Advanced Practice Nurses of Indiana (CAPNI), and is a Family Nurse Practitioner specializing in the care of adolescents and adults with diabetes for the last 19 years. Her current clinical practice is within a hospital-based endocrinology clinic in Danville.

HISTORY

Today is Saturday, April 2, the 92nd day of 2022. There are 273 days left in the year.

Highlight in history:

On April 2, 2005, Pope John Paul II died in his Vatican apartment at age 84.

On this date:

In 1792, Congress passed the Coinage Act, which authorized establishment of the U.S. Mint.

In 1865, Confederate President Jefferson Davis and most of his Cabinet fled the Confederate capi-

tal of Richmond, Virginia, because of advancing Union forces.

In 1912, the just-completed RMS Titanic left Belfast to begin its sea trials eight days before the start of its ill-fated maiden voyage.

Economic lessons from America's most experienced Avon Lady

Last month I had the good fortune to sit down with the nation's oldest Avon Lady, Mrs. Evelyn Nowakowski. Our chat was a treat for me, providing many interesting and relevant economic lessons. A more accomplished writer could easily get a full book out of her experiences. Readers of this column will have to be content with those economic lessons that are important today.

Michael Hicks



Mrs. Nowakowski's work at Avon began on Oct. 5, 1966, shortly after her youngest child entered kindergarten. The company's direct sales model meant that she could have a career that was flexible enough to allow her to prepare meals, look after her five children and make some extra money. In October 1966, just 40.7 percent of working-aged women worked outside the home. That figure peaked in 2000 at 60 percent, and sits at 56.8 percent

today. But, today's number is a full percentage point lower than the pre-Pandemic level. That is a million fewer women working today than in February 2020.

There are echoes of Mrs. Nowakowski's experiences in today's labor market. Her concerns about balancing home and work life made Avon's model appealing, and her recollections helped me better understand where we are in 2022. Of course, women's experiences in labor markets are vastly different than in 1966.

Today there are no closed or restricted occupations, and many once male-dominated professions, such as medicine, are poised to be majority female. For every two young men who attend college today, three young women do. These changes allow women much vaster opportunities than their grandmothers enjoyed, but it does not alter the difficulty in balancing those work opportunities with family life.

I believe we have entered a time when women and men will speak more frankly about those challenges, and pursue careers with more freedom to balance work and life. Avon's success came in part because it could do that for Mrs. Nowakowski, and hundreds of thousands of other women. The direct sales model was an important innovation, celebrated by awards named for a Mrs. Persis Foster Eames Albee, the first Avon Lady. But, Avon's innovation extended beyond the way they sold their products.

One of the early 1966 advertisements was for creme sachets in the 'somewhere, cotillion and topaze' scents. I clearly didn't prepare enough for this interview, because I have no idea what a creme sachet might be. I do know that it regularly sold for \$2, and was marked down to 99 cents in their January 1966 catalogue. In today's dollars that would be \$17.16 and \$8.49 respectively. Curiously, I also learned that empty bottles for these products sell today at between \$12 and \$18 today, marking some nostalgia for Avon products.

Our conversation sparked memories of Snoopy-themed bubble bath and tear-free shampoo that accompanied my bath time ritual in that far-off year of 1966. During our conversation she reminded me of Wild Country, a cologne my grandmother gave me for Christmas when I was 16. She thus secured a new customer, 56 years after she started selling. She is a remarkably adept saleswoman.

Mrs. Nowakowski approaches 100 years of age, and so she has been selling Avon for more than half her life, and 35 years past the typical age of retirement. When she started with Avon, about 9.7 percent of women over age 65 still worked. Today that is over 10 percent, and the age categories were expanded to those 75 and older. Remarkably, from 2010 until COVID, the share of that oldest group still working rose from 5.7 percent to 7.2 percent. We don't yet know what the post-COVID share of this age group are working, but it is remarkable that this Avon Lady pressed on with her work through the trying two years we've just lived through.

These reminiscences are interesting, far more so than I can do justice. But, I don't think they really get at the central importance of this work, both to the individual and our economy. Mrs. Nowakowski used this job to earn extra money while meeting the more satisfying demands of sustaining her family. She also used her time as an Avon Lady to meet other people and sell other products, notably homemade candy. This helped her develop a network of friends who continue to sustain her. Of course this work was about making money for college, family vacations or a car payment, but it was really so much more.

The packaging and ordering was done at home, with her family participating in the process at her kitchen table. Her family speaks (somewhat) lovingly of the experience, and of her enjoyment of the work and travel. No doubt Evelyn Nowakowski will enjoy some attention for being the oldest Avon Lady, but no one who knows her would list that high as among her great lifetime accomplishments. She had a long and happy marriage, and she raised successful and happy children who raised even more successful and happy grandchildren.

As remarkable as it has been, the Avon Lady work is subordinate to those experiences of a long life of faith and family. That is a wonderful thing. Our economy exists not solely to produce more Gross Domestic Product or higher incomes, but also to nurture our other ambitions. We should never lose sight of that part of our economy, and be thankful for the innovations that enable it. At first flush, the innovation of direct sales that gave us the Avon Lady would appear humble beside the technological wonder of our age. But upon more reflection, this is exactly what a vibrant economy needs to flourish.

What today's changes in labor force participation and child care shortages might be telling us is that the many tens of thousands of Avon Ladies of the past century are not an obsolete model of work. Rather, this type of flexible, family- and life-centered job, nestled in a community that values more than just a job might be exactly what Americans are craving. If so, we should start viewing the work-life balance of the Avon Lady as one of the more enduring and adaptable of American innovations. Mrs. Evelyn Nowakowski's century of experience is a prime example of the mother, entrepreneur, community-minded volunteer and savvy businesswoman who keeps our economy the largest and most dynamic the world has ever experienced.

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Lifestyles



Spotlight on puttanesca

Pasta puttanesca is a southern Italian dish that hails from Naples in the Campania region. Puttanesca refers to the potent tomato sauce that brims with black olives, red chiles, capers and anchovies. It's safe to say that this dish is no shrinking violet, as its name might suggest (puttana is the Italian word for "whore"), and indeed this sauce is salty, briny, spicy and vibrant.

There's no denying puttanesca sauce goes exceedingly well with pasta. It's also a wonderful condiment that is more than a fiery addition to spaghetti. Use it as a vibrant ragout; ladle it over fish, such as swordfish or halibut; or use it as a bed for garlicky shrimp.

Dollop it on grilled steak and chicken, or add a drizzle to eggs. Even a smear on crostini will stand in for an easy appetizer in a pinch.

You can count on this sauce as a year-round kitchen staple. While tomatoes at their peak of season are always a desirable ingredient, there's no issue with using packaged grape or cherry tomatoes in the off-season. Just cook them down to a sludgy consistency and let the other ingredients deliver their wallop of flavors. This recipe does just that.

It takes inspiration from the traditional puttanesca sauce with a liberty or two -- namely, an extra dash of sweetness to boost the flavor of supermarket tomatoes. A simple splash of balsamic vinegar and orange juice provides the extra kick. I encourage you to taste as you go and add these two ingredients in the end as needed.

Lynda Balslev



Puttanesca Sauce

Active time: 20 minutes
Total time: 20 minutes
Yield: Makes about 1 1/2 cups

- 2 tablespoons extra-virgin olive oil
- 1 pound grape or cherry tomatoes, halved
- 2 garlic cloves, minced
- 1/4 teaspoon red pepper flakes
- 1/4 cup cured black olives, pitted, finely chopped
- 1 to 2 anchovies, mashed
- 1 tablespoon drained capers
- 1 teaspoon chopped fresh oregano or 1/2 teaspoon dried oregano
- 1/4 teaspoon freshly ground black pepper
- 1 teaspoon balsamic vinegar
- 1 to 2 teaspoons fresh orange juice (optional)

Heat the oil in a skillet over medium heat. Add the tomatoes and cook until they break down, 6 to 8 minutes, stirring often. Add the garlic and red pepper flakes and stir until fragrant, about 1 minute. Add the olives, anchovies, capers, oregano and black pepper and cook for 2 minutes, stirring frequently. Taste for seasoning -- you may or may not need salt, due to the saltiness of the ingredients.

Stir in the balsamic vinegar and taste again. If too tart, add the orange juice. Remove from the heat and cool to allow the flavors to develop. Refrigerate for up to 2 days.

Here's why your tax refund may be late

For some Americans, this year's tax season was easy. They filed electronically, elected to have their money sent by direct deposit to their bank account and, in three weeks or less, got their refund.

The IRS said that, as of March 18, almost 52 million refunds have been issued

Michelle Singletary



worth more than \$171 billion, with the average payment totaling \$3,305. But for others, a massive return backlog has delayed refunds or held up the

processing of returns that were refiled by taxpayers because a correction or change needed to be made.

With about three weeks left in the 2022 filing season, which began Jan. 24, here's what you need to know about why your return may have been delayed:

I filed my tax return weeks ago, so where is my refund?

If all goes well and you file electronically and choose direct deposit for your refund -- the fastest way -- your money should arrive in your bank account within 21 days, according to the IRS.

The IRS says it is prioritizing returns with refunds over those where a taxpayer owes money to Uncle Sam.

But there are several reasons your refund may be delayed.

It could be stuck in a processing queue if you file a paper return. As of March 11, the IRS said it had 7 million unprocessed individual returns. The agency is still trying to catch up on a backlog because of the pandemic.

"It's taking us longer than normal to process mailed correspondence and more than 21 days to issue refunds for certain mailed and e-filed 2020 tax returns that require review," the agency said.

Your return may be incom-

plete or have a math error requiring a manual review. Your return could have been flagged as fraudulent because of identity theft or fraud.

Some returns are taking longer because of corrections needed that are related to the earned-income tax credit and the pandemic-related stimulus payments (officially termed a "Recovery Rebate Credit").

The IRS has received "far more than 10 million returns" in which taxpayers failed to reconcile the two stimulus payments they were sent in 2020 to the amount they stated on their return filed last year, IRS Commissioner Charles Rettig said in testimony to the House Ways and Means Committee.

Other returns need further review because of an issue related to the advance child tax credit.

To check the status of your refund, use the "Where's My Refund?" tool at irs.gov.

Should I call the IRS if it's taken more than 21 days to receive my refund?

Calling won't do much, other than raise your blood pressure. It's hard to reach a live person. And even if you do, the IRS says that unless "Where's My Refund?" directed you to call the agency, representatives won't be able to provide any additional information.

Can I use 'Where's My Refund?' to check the status of my 2020 refund?

Unfortunately, the refund tool usually displays the status of your most recently filed tax return within the past two tax years, according to the IRS. So if your 2021 return has been processed, it won't show the status of the previous year's refund.

The IRS says for returns filed on or after July 1, refund information remains available until you file a tax return for a more current tax year.

Should I wait to file if my 2020 return and refund haven't been processed?

The IRS says don't wait to

file, especially if you owe for 2021.

People whose tax returns from 2020 have not yet been processed should still file their 2021 tax returns by the April due date or request an extension, the agency said.

I filed an amended return and was expecting a refund. Why haven't I received my money?

When it comes to processing returns, especially during the middle of a tax season, amended returns -- Form 1040-X -- aren't prioritized.

As of March 12, the IRS said it had 2.2 million unprocessed 1040-Xs.

You may be worried that your return is lost, but the IRS says you shouldn't file a second amended return -- doing so may delay the processing even further. You should just keep checking the "Where's My Amended Return?" tool for the most up-to-date status available of your return.

The IRS takes my refund every year. Is there anything I can do?

"It is possible that the IRS is still pursuing interest and penalty charges," says Eric Bronnenkant, head of tax for the online financial adviser Betterment.

The IRS can attempt to collect your taxes up to 10 years from the date they were assessed, Bronnenkant points out.

Why haven't I received my refund based on the unemployment tax break?

To help the millions of people who filed for unemployment in 2020, Congress included a tax break for unemployment benefits in the American Rescue Plan. People could exclude up to \$10,200 from their gross income if their modified adjusted gross income was less than \$150,000. For married couples filing a joint tax return, where both spouses received benefits, the \$10,200 tax break was for each spouse.

By the time Congress

passed the tax break, millions of taxpayers had already filed their tax returns. So the IRS said it would automatically send refunds.

The IRS said it has already issued more than 11.8 million refunds totaling \$14.5 billion related to the unemployment tax break.

But there are still returns being processed. The agency said it is continuing to review 2020 returns and process corrections for individuals who paid taxes on the excluded unemployment income.

"Some taxpayers will receive refunds, while others will have the overpayment applied to taxes due or other debts," the IRS said.

I haven't filed federal returns for several years, although I'm pretty sure I am due refunds. Can I file to get the refunds?

The IRS said it has unclaimed income tax refunds worth almost \$1.5 billion for an estimated 1.5 million taxpayers who never got around to filing a federal return for 2018.

There's only a three-year window to claim refunds from the date the return was due.

To claim the refund for the tax year 2018, the deadline is April 18 for most folks, and April 19 in Maine and Massachusetts.

By the way, there is no penalty for filing late when you are owed a refund.

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Facial scanning coming to an airport near you, raising some concerns

By FLINT MCCOLGAN
Boston Herald (TNS)

I wasn't offered another option.

It's only a matter of time before New England air travelers join others across the country in experiencing a new airport screening method that seems ripped straight from the pages of Philip K. Dick's "The Minority Report."

My own tired face blinked back at me from a monitor late last Tuesday night at the Detroit airport after the Transportation Security Administration screener told me to pull my mask down. A camera snapped my photo as I slid my driver's license into a scanner box. The tandem system was matching the just-snapped photo of my face and the scan of my ID to see if I was actually who I claimed to be.

The screener told me, "It's new," as I stammered my surprise at the photo. While the agency says this is voluntary, even "opt-in," in their reports,

"TSA is exploring the use of facial recognition technology to automate identity verification at airport checkpoints and modernize the screening experience for travelers," agency spokesman Daniel Velez told the Herald. "Facial recognition technology has the potential to enhance security effectiveness, improve operational efficiency and yield a more streamlined passenger experience at the TSA checkpoint."

The pilot tech has been rolling out across the country's airports for five years this month. So far, harried passengers have unexpectedly had their photos taken at John F. Kennedy Airport in New York, Los Angeles International Airport, Hartsfield-Jackson Atlanta International Airport, Denver International Airport and, for one year now, Detroit Metropolitan Wayne County Airport.

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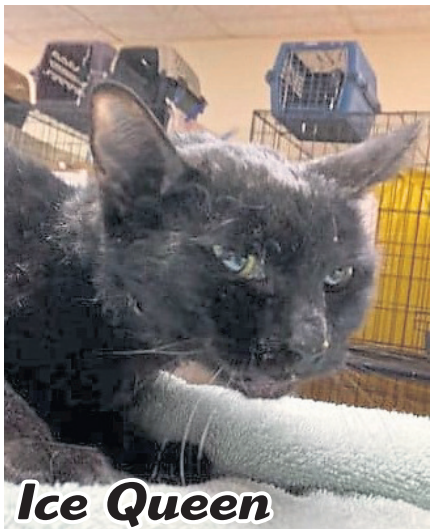
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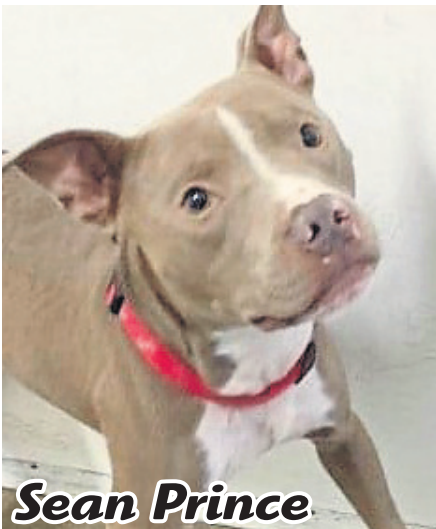
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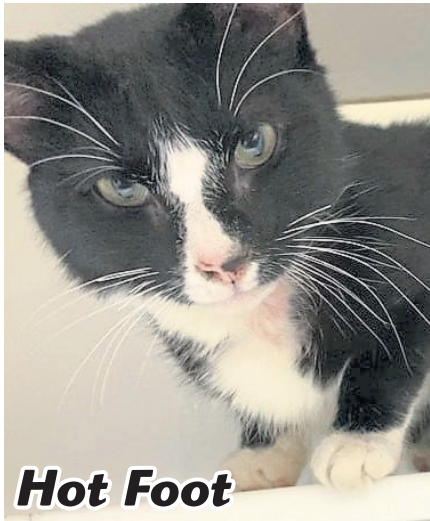
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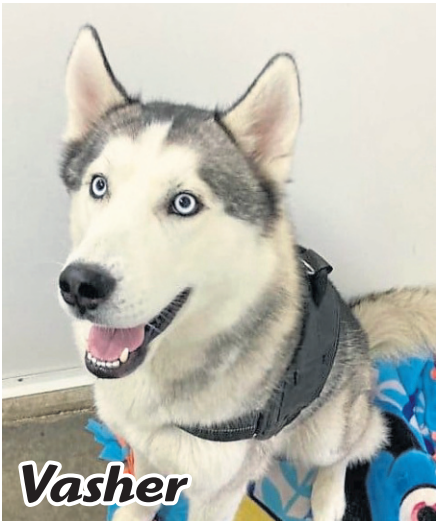
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Southwood varsity softball team eases past Wabash

The Knights registered 17 hits as a team on Wednesday

By CLAY MAXFIELD
Wabash Plain Dealer Freelance Reporter

Southwood's varsity softball team brought their bats on Wednesday when they traveled to Wabash and drubbed the Apaches, 17-5.

Rowan Goodpasture led Southwood with three hits while Allie Haecker led the Knights with three runs batted in (RBI).

The Knights registered 17 hits as a team, something that head coach Carl Pace noted post-game.

"I thought the girls did a great job at the plate," Pace said. "They were aggressive, did a lot of good bunting, keeping pressure on the defense. ... Trying to take advantage of the next base, I thought they did a really good job on the first time out."

A stolen home base by Southwood's Aaliyah Dyson put the Knights on the board for the first time in the second inning before Haecker drove a double to short, clearing the way for three more runs.

Madi Culver hit a double to second base for Southwood's fifth score of the inning.

While Wabash opened

their season with a loss, there were a lot of positives to takeaway for the Apaches and head coach Bob Stambazze.

"We hit the ball tonight. We swung the bat better today than anytime we did last year. That's the positive that I takeaway and I also think that our pitching, it may not look good at 17 but it was pretty good. She pitched to contact. Our problem was after they had contact, we couldn't catch it or throw it," said Stambazze.

In the bottom of the third, the Apaches stopped the bleeding when Lataya Judy doubled on a line drive to

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Photo by Clay Maxfield / Plain Dealer

In the bottom of the third, the Apaches stopped the bleeding when Lataya Judy doubled on a line drive to center field, resulting in a one-run score.

Manchester softball suffers road setback at Calvin

The Black and Gold fell by final scores of 7-2 and 22-3

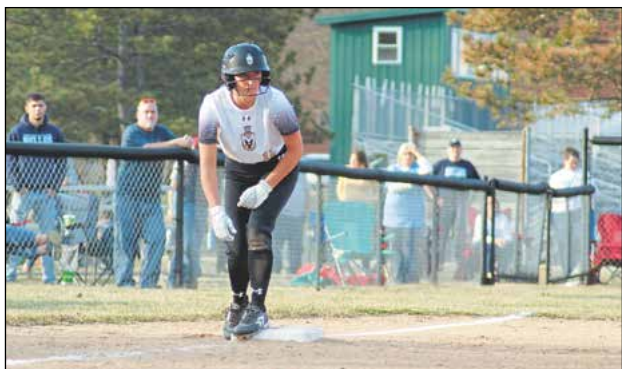
By DILLON BENDER

The Manchester University softball team was swept by the Calvin University Knights in a non-conference doubleheader on Tuesday, March 29. The Black and Gold fell by final scores of 7-2 and 22-3.

In the opening game of the afternoon, first-year Julianne Gosnell, from Amboy and Oak Hill High School, collected a pair of hits and scored a run.

Kodi Douglass, from Huntington and Huntington North High School, added an RBI single in the opener.

The Black and Gold collected seven hits in the first game of the afternoon.



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In the opening game of the afternoon, first-year Julianne Gosnell, from Amboy and Oak Hill High School, collected a pair of hits and scored a run.

In the second game of the afternoon, first-year Morgan Michael, from Quincy, Michigan, went 2-2 at the plate with a run scored.

Delayne Sanchez, from Osceola and Penn High School, had an RBI double in the fourth inning of the second game against the Knights.

Manchester played another MIAA member in Olivet College on Thursday, March 31 as non-conference play continued. The Spartans hosted the Comets at the MU Softball Field in a doubleheader.

Dillon Bender is the sports information director for Manchester University.

Spartans sweep Comets in a non-conference doubleheader

By DILLON BENDER

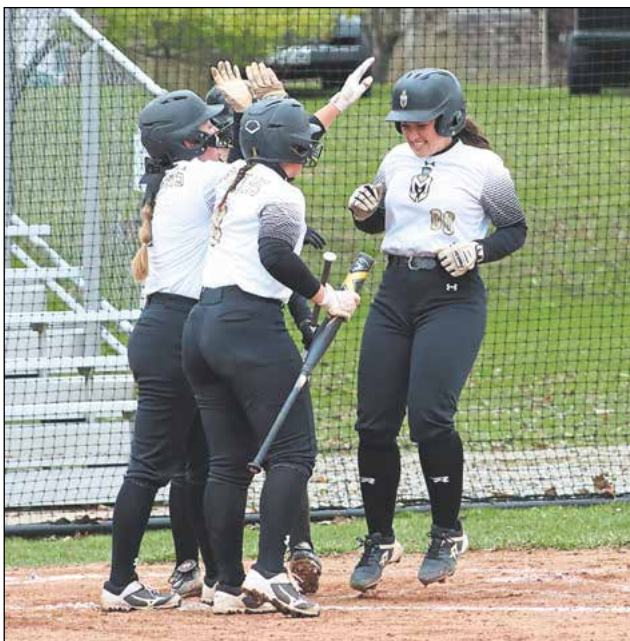
The Manchester University softball squad swept the visiting Olivet College Comets in a non-conference doubleheader at the MU Softball Field on Thursday, March 31.

The Black and Gold earned a 9-5 victory in the first game of the day before following with a 9-1 triumph in five innings in the second game on Thursday.

Manchester scored first in the opening game of Thursday's contest following an RBI groundout in the first inning by current Heartland Collegiate Athletic Conference (HCAC) Hitter of the Week Izzy Dittmar, from Warsaw and Warsaw Community High School.

After Olivet took a 4-1

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One half of the no. 3 doubles duo, Avin Demaso, from South Bend and Riley High School, picked up a 6-3 victory to begin Saturday's match.

Manchester women’s tennis nabs first win of the season

Spartans secure their first win of the season and their first win since 2019

By DILLON BENDER

The Manchester University women’s tennis team broke into the win column for the first time this year on Saturday afternoon after earning a 5-1 win over Grace Christian University. The Spartans traveled to South Bend where they took on both Bethel and Grace Christian. The Black and Gold ended their trip

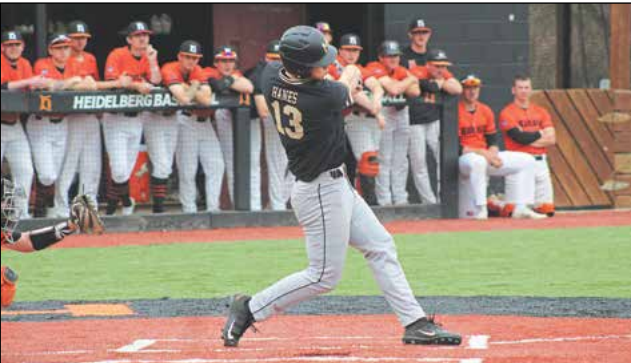
with an exciting 5-1 triumph over the Tigers. The no. 3 doubles duo of Avin Demaso, from South Bend and Riley High School, and Mallory Sands, from Gas City and Mississinewa High School, picked up a 6-3 victory to begin Saturday’s match. Singles action saw the Spartans earn five key match points to secure their first win of the season and their first win since Sept. 21, 2019. Evelyn Minton, from Clarksville and Jeffersonville High School, earned a 6-3, 6-0 win at the no.

1 position. Anna Hollingsworth, from New Castle and Blue River Valley High School, added a 6-4, 6-1 victory at the no. 3 position. At the no. 4 flight, Mallory Sands battled to a thrilling three-set win over Grace’s Olivia Rachoy, 4-6, 6-1, 12-10. Bella Carillo, from Wabash, earned a 6-0, 6-3 win at the n. 5 singles slot, while Avin Demaso rounded out singles action with a 6-2, 6-3 win at the no. 6 position. *Dillon Bender is the sports information director for Manchester University.*

Manchester baseball topped by Heidelberg in non-conference affair

Spartans are scheduled to begin HCAC play on Saturday with a road doubleheader at Hanover

By DILLON BENDER



First-year Rocco Hanes, from Ossian and Norwell High School, led Manchester with a 3-4 performance at the plate.

pair of hits for Manchester. The Black and Gold collected 11 hits in Wednesday’s game. Brady Perez, from Rochester, tripled for the Spartans. In a tune-up ahead of Heartland Collegiate Athletic Conference play, nine different pitchers toed the rubber for the Spartans. The Spartans (3-10) are scheduled to begin Heart-

land Collegiate Athletic Conference (HCAC) play on Saturday, April 2 with a road doubleheader at Hanover College. The first pitch on Saturday between the Spartans and the Panthers is scheduled for noon. *Dillon Bender is the sports information director for Manchester University.*

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center field, resulting in a one-run score while Montana Judy hit a pop fly to short to cut the deficit to three runs. Lataya Judy held serve as Wabash’s leader on the pitching mound while striking out five batters in six innings. While both teams’ lineups are comprised primarily of freshmen and sophomores, Pace believes that there is a lot to be built on after what transpired in Wednesday’s victory. “I said ‘when you guys start to contribute, that lengthens our lineup’ and

then I can kind of plug them in with what I call veterans and that kind of helps take the pressure off some of them so now they can just go up there and just play their game,” Pace said. Wabash kept within striking distance throughout the night until Southwood unleashed eight runs in the sixth inning to put the Apaches away for good thanks in part to a triple by Gracey Snyder and singles by Goodpasture and Dyson. Pace noted that an added highlight to their win over Wabash was how he and his coaching staff’s teaching began to click with many of his players. “They hear what I’m saying in practice,” Pace said.

“But I heard a couple of them comment ‘we heard what you said but we didn’t understand until game time and now we understand what you were talking about.’” “So they’re actually taking what I’m trying to teach them and now putting it into game situations and applying it with all these weeks when we were in the gym.” Southwood will be back in action at home on Thursday, April 14 against Southern Wells while Wabash will face Blackford at Honeywell Park on Monday, April 11. *Clay Maxfield, Wabash Plain Dealer freelance reporter, may be reached by email at sports@wabashplaindealer.com.*

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lead in the third, Dittmar struck again for the Spartans by launching a two-run home run to left. It was Dittmar’s first home run of the season. Manchester would go on to grab the lead for good in Game 1 on Thursday in the bottom of the fifth inning following a two-run single up the middle by first-year Brionna Egold, from Greencastle and South Putnam High School. Fellow first-year Morgan Michael, from Quincy, Michigan, allowed just one run in four innings of relief work for

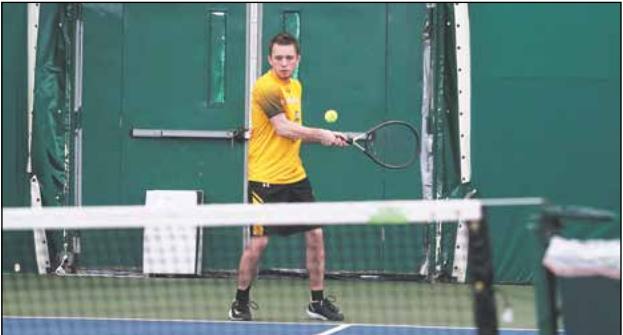
Manchester. Michael would earn her first collegiate victory in the pitching circle on Thursday. Game 2 saw the Spartans lead from start to finish as Manchester was able to complete the sweep of the Comets. The Spartans scored a pair of runs in the bottom of the second inning while adding a single run in the third. Manchester erupted for five runs in the home half of the fourth inning. A two-run single by Lainey Bonser, from Muncie and Delta High School, an RBI double by Brionna Egold and a sac fly by Julianne Gosnell, from Amboy and Oak Hill High School, highlighted the inning for the Spartans.

After Olivet got a run back in the fifth, Lainey Bonser would end the game in the home half of the inning following an RBI double down the line in right field. First-year Kaitlyn Carr, from Valparaiso and Chesterton High School, picked up her fourth win in the pitching circle after scattering four hits and allowing just one run. HCAC play is scheduled to begin for Manchester (8-12) on Saturday, April 2 at Transylvania University in Kentucky. The first pitch from Lexington is slated for 1 p.m. *Dillon Bender is the sports information director for Manchester University.*

Manchester men’s tennis swept the Tigers with a 6-0 victory

Spartans traveled to South Bend for a pair of non-conference match-ups

By DILLON BENDER



One half of the no. 2 duo, Blake Rentschler, from Griffith and Bishop Noll High School, added a 6-0 win.

The Manchester University men’s tennis team traveled to the South Bend Racquet Club on Saturday afternoon for a pair of non-conference match-ups against both Bethel and Grace Christian University. The Black and Gold rounded out action on Saturday with a 6-0 victory over the Tigers. The Spartans swept all their matchups against Grace Christian. In doubles action, the no. 1 duo of Andrew Kibler, from Cape Coral, Florida, and Mariner High School, and Austin Arnold, from Coatesville and South Putnam High School,

picked up a 6-3 win over Grace’s Jared Lowder and Bryce Hoeker. The no. 2 duo of Blake Rentschler, from Griffith and Bishop Noll High School, and Samuel Hollingsworth, from New Castle and Blue River Valley High School, added a 6-0 win. In singles action, Hollingsworth added a three-set win over Jared Lowder 6-4, 2-6, 10-4. Austin Arnold fol-

lowed with a 6-1, 6-1 victory at the no. 2 position. At no. 3 singles, Andrew Kibler cruised to a 6-0, 6-0 win over Cam Stall. Blake Rentschler ended singles action with a 6-0, 6-0 win at the no. 4 flight. Rentschler also added a 6-4, 6-3 singles win in MU’s match against Bethel earlier in the day. *Dillon Bender is the sports information director for Manchester University.*

Manchester’s Mallory Sands named HCAC Athlete of the Week

By DILLON BENDER

Manchester University senior Mallory Sands has been named the Heartland Collegiate Athletic Conference (HCAC) Athlete of the Week, the conference office announced on Monday, March 28. Sands, from Gas City and



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Mississinewa High School, helped key the Black and Gold’s first win of the season in women’s tennis over the weekend against Grace Christian. Sands teamed up

with Avin Demaso for a 6-3 win at no. 3 Doubles. Sands would then rally for a thrilling three-set win at no. 4 singles 4-6, 6-1, 12-10. The Spartans’ win over the Tigers was their first victory since September 2019. *Dillon Bender is the sports information director for Manchester University.*

Manchester’s Blake Rentschler named HCAC Athlete of the Week

By DILLON BENDER

Manchester University senior Blake Rentschler has been named the Heartland Collegiate Athlete of the Week, the conference office announced on Monday, March 28. Rentschler went a perfect 4-0 over the weekend in



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men’s tennis, winning a pair of no. 2 doubles matches with fellow teammate Samuel Hollingsworth 6-3, 6-0. Rentschler also won both of his no. 4 singles

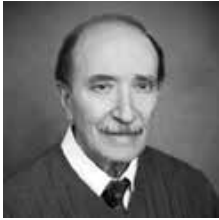
match-ups, winning 6-4, 6-3 against Bethel and 6-0, 6-0 against Grace Christian. His efforts helped the Spartans to their first win of the season against Grace Christian as Manchester topped the Tigers 6-1. *Dillon Bender is the sports information director for Manchester University.*

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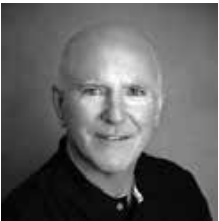
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Western square dance lessons offered

Western square dance lessons will be held during the spring this year, beginning on Saturday, April 9 in North Manchester. The lessons are being sponsored by the Belles and Beaus Square Dance Club. The lessons will be open to beginners for three weeks on Saturdays, April 9, 16, and 23 in the Scout Hall in Warvel Park, at 7th and Market streets in North Manchester. The square dance lessons will run from 3 to 4:30 p.m. The first lesson is free. Subsequent lessons are \$3 per person. Lessons will move to Sunday afternoons in May and June. Everyone is invited to join the fun – couples and singles, young and older. All are welcome. For more information, call 260-215-3694 or 260-982-2814 or email rjschroll@manchester.edu.

Wabash County Board of Health to hold quarterly meeting

The Wabash County Board of Health will hold its quarterly meeting at 6 p.m. Tuesday, April 12 at the Wabash County Courthouse's EMA Room, 1 W. Hill St., according to Wabash County Health Department office manager and deputy registrar Kathy Lower. For more information, call 260-563-0661, ext. 1248.

Woman's Clubhouse plans April luncheon

“Travel back in time” at the luncheon and program at noon Tuesday, April 12, at the Woman's Clubhouse, 770 W. Hill St. Doug Lehman will present a program on the Chautauqua movement throughout the U.S. and its history in Wabash during the late 19th and 20th centuries. Reservations may be made no later than Friday, April 8 by calling Jody LaSalle at 619-990-7088 or Mary DeLauter at 260-563-6613.

Frances Slocum Chapter of the DAR to hold April meeting

The Wabash County Frances Slocum Chapter of the Indiana Daughters of the American Revolution (DAR) will meet at 7 p.m. Tuesday, April 12, at the Grandstaff-Hentgen Activity Room, 1241 Manchester Ave. The program will be on Mary Ball Washington, mother of George

Washington, presented by Indiana DAR state recording secretary Cathy Reedy. Prospective members and guests are always welcome to attend. DAR membership is open to any woman 18 years of age, who can prove lineal descent from a patriot of the American Revolution. Those having questions about their family history lineage information may visit www.dar.org or call Tamra Wise at 574-527-2208 or Barbara Amiss at 260-982-4376.

Salamonie Forest Preschool underway

Preschool-age children and their adults are invited to Salamonie Forest Preschool through May for one Tuesday a month or two Tuesdays a month from 9 a.m. to noon at Salamonie Interpretive Center, 3691 New Holland Road, Andrews, in Lost Bridge West State Recreation Area. Classes for the once-a-month option will be held Tuesdays, April 12 and May 3. Classes for the second meeting time each month will also be held Tuesdays, April 26 and May 17. Advance registration is required. Register by calling 260-468-2127. For more information, visit dnr.IN.gov/uwis or facebook.com/upperwabash.

Second Harvest to hold tailgate food distributions

Second Harvest Food Bank of East Central Indiana has planned tailgate food distributions for 11 a.m. Wednesdays, April 27 at Bachelor Creek Church of Christ, 2147 Indiana 15; and noon Wednesday, April 13 at Manchester Church of the Brethren, 1306 Beckley St., North Manchester. For more information, visit www.curehunger.org, classy.org/campaign/hunger-action-month/c299182 or <https://www.givepulse.com/group/203410>.

GWC investors invited to an exclusive event with local legislators

Grow Wabash County (GWC) would like to extend an invitation to all of its current investors to attend an exclusive Legislative Wrap-Up event with local legislators and the Regional Chamber of Northeast Indiana at 2 p.m. Wednesday, April 13, at the Grow Wabash County conference room, 214 S. Wabash St. This is event is free and exclusively reserved for Grow Wabash County investors. Registration for this event can be found by visiting members.growwabashcounty.com/events/calendar/ or by emailing at marketing@growwabashcounty.com or calling 260-563-5258. The guest speakers for this event will be Rep. Craig Snow, R-Warsaw, Sen. Andy Zay, R-Huntington, and Regional Chamber of Northeast Indiana president and CEO Bill Konyha. If any investor has questions for the guests, they will be encouraged to

ask them during the event, or they can be sent ahead of time by email.

Grow Wabash County to celebrate Wabash County's top graduates

Grow Wabash County (GWC) will recognize some of Wabash County's top academic students at the 2022 Honor Student Luncheon on Thursday, April 14. Local businesses, colleges, universities and employers interested in sponsoring students and showing your support for the next generation of talent in Wabash County can do so by visiting www.growwabashcounty.com/events/calendar, emailing marketing@growwabashcounty.com or calling 260-563-5258.

Money Smart Program to be held at the Wabash County YMCA

The Wabash County YMCA has announced the upcoming Lunch and Learn Program. The Lunch and Learn Program is free for the community and begins starting from 12:15 to 1 p.m. Tuesday, April 19, at the Wabash County YMCA, 500 S. Cass St. The program will be held monthly on the third Tuesday of every month, through Jan. 17, 2023. Participation is limited to 14 guests. Register by calling 260-563-9622 or emailing jthibos@wabashcountymca.org. Participants will receive a free lunch on behalf of Crossroads Bank and will have the opportunity to learn about financial management. Topics include credit reports and scores, buying a home, how to budget, managing debt and more. To learn more about the Wabash County YMCA, visit www.wabashcountymca.org or email pgodfroy@wabashcountymca.org. Learn more about the Wabash County YMCA job offerings at www.wabashcountymca.org/jobs. To make a tax-deductible donation “to support the Y's cause of strengthening the community through youth development, healthy living and social responsibility,” visit www.wabashcountymca.org/donate or email jdriskill@wabashcountymca.org.

Salamonie 'Tweens Among the Trees' Forest School underway

Children ages 6 to 13 are invited to Salamonie Forest School at 3691 New Holland Road, Andrews. The class will be offered one Wednesday a month from 9 a.m. to noon at Salamonie Interpretive Center in Lost Bridge West State Recreation Area, Andrews. Classes will be held on Wednesday, April 20. Advance registration is required. Limited space is available. Register by calling 260-468-2127. For

more information, visit dnr.IN.gov/uwis or facebook.com/upperwabash.

WACT to host spring production of 'The Dining Room'

The Wabash Area Community Theater (WACT) spring production, “The Dining Room” by A.R. Gurney will be performed at 7 p.m. Friday, May 13; at 7 p.m. Saturday, May 14; and 2 p.m. Sunday, May 15 at Northfield High School, 154 W. 200 North. Tickets will be available at the door. Those who are interested in making a gift, but would like more information, may contact Bev Vanderpool by email at vanderpob@yahoo.com or call 765-661-8206; or contact Board Member Beth Miller by email at beth@wabashmillers.com or by calling 260-568-1128.

Twelve Mile 'Swing Into Spring' Craft Show planned

A “Swing Intro Spring” Craft Show has been planned from 8 a.m. to 2 p.m. Saturday, May 14 at the Twelve Mile Community Building, 7913 E. Indiana 16, Twelve Mile. All artisan, craft and vendors will be available. Breakfast and lunch will be available at the Firehouse Cafe, 8060 E. Indiana 16, Twelve Mile.

Beacon Credit Union kicks off its 11th annual Project Spotlight

Everyone in the community, not just Beacon Credit Union members, is invited to nominate worthwhile charitable organizations, community projects and local nonprofits that they believe deserve financial support through May 31. Nominations can be submitted by visiting www.beaconcu.org or at a Member Center. Beginning July 1, the public can start voting for their favorite cause. Voters are allowed to vote once per day per community online or in a Member Center. After voting online the public may share

to social media to let others know that they have voted and encourage others to vote for their favorite cause. Voting will end on July 31. The project in each community that receives the most votes will win \$1,000 of funding from Beacon Credit Union. The second-place winners will receive \$500 of funding, and a third-place winner will be randomly drawn to receive \$250 of funding.

Guardian Warriors seeks to raise funds through shoe donations

The Guardian Warriors shoe drive, which lasts through May 31, will ultimately earn funds based on the total weight of the shoes collected. Their goal is to collect 2,500 shoes. Funds2Orgs will purchase all the donated footwear. The shoes will then be redistributed throughout the Funds2Orgs network of micro-enterprise partners in developing nations. Those who are interested in donating shoes may send them through the mail to 3789 W. 100 South, Wabash, IN 46992, or call 765-244-8360. They will also have pick-up dates available from 9 a.m. to noon Friday, April 1 and Saturday, May 7 at the Miami County Fairgrounds, 1029 W. 200 North, Peru.

Huntington University men's basketball camps planned

Huntington University will be hosting the Forester Basketball Camp and Steve Alford Basketball Camp this summer, said assistant men's basketball coach Ryan Strohm. The Huntington University men's basketball program will be hosting the Forester Basketball Camp from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. June 13 to 16, with lunch included for \$150; and the Steve Alford Basketball Camp from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. June 20 to 23, with lunch included for \$200. To register, visit <https://www.huathletics.com/camps>. For more information, email rstrohm@huntington.edu or

call 260-359-4313.

DivorceCare meets Tuesdays

DivorceCare, a 13-week DVD series sponsored by Wabash Friends Counseling Center, features some of the nation's foremost Christian experts on topics concerning divorce and recovery, according to group leader Janet Quillen. The support group meets at 6:30 p.m. every Tuesday in the Conference Room in the Wabash Friends Counseling Center, 3563 South State Road 13. Wearing a mask is required when entering. Quillen and members of the group meet for dinner at 5:30 p.m. at Subway, 1812 S. Wabash St., on State Road 15. For more information, call 260-563-8453, 877-350-1658, email office@wabashfriends.org, call 260-571-5235 or visit www.divorcecare.org.

Alzheimer's and Dementia Caregiver Support Group available at YMCA

The Wabash County YMCA has announced the new Alzheimer's and Dementia Caregiver Support Group in conjunction with Bickford Senior Living held at the YMCA. Alzheimer's and Dementia Caregiver Support Group is free to the public and will be held from 6 to 7 p.m. on the third Tuesday of every month at the Wabash County YMCA, 500 S. Cass St. Caregivers and family members will share, support, and learn together as they care for a loved one with memory loss. For more information, email brobinson@wabashcountymca.org, pgodfroy@wabashcountymca.org or wabashlec@bickfordseniorliving.com or visit www.wabashcountymca.org.

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Loughmiller said they use around an average of 100,000 gallons per day to perform the flushing in Wabash.

“Water main and fire hydrant flushing is an important part of a regular maintenance program for water distribution systems. Indiana American Water consis-

tently meets or exceeds all drinking water standards,” said Wabash District superintendent Brandon France. For more information,

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There’s plenty to chew on after dinner with in-laws

DEAR ABBY: I once hosted a holiday dinner for which I had made a ham and a turkey with all the sides and three different pies.

I even made a special mince pie for one of the guests. The guests – my brothers-in-law, my brother and his family of four and his mother-in-law – all showed up carrying empty Tupperware. At the end of the day, all I had left was dirty dishes.

The same family then invited me and my husband for a holiday dinner. My husband wasn’t feeling well and couldn’t go. When I asked my sister-in-law if I could take a plate home for him, she said, “Nope! If he doesn’t want to come to the house, he can’t have any of the food.” Yes, Abby, she was serious.

My sister-in-law cooks the meat she received as a gift from her employer, and the rest of the guests prepare the sides and desserts. I NEVER go empty-handed. At the end of the meal, she transfers any leftovers to their own Tupperware and gives us back the cleaned bowls. If I ask for a little of something to take home, she protects her leftovers like they were her children.

What’s your take on leftovers? Is asking for a little fruit salad off limits? Is relieving your host of the burden of storing all of their leftovers out of line? Are there rules of etiquette here? – Hoping For A Sandwich Later

DEAR HOPING: If you would like the living, breathing definition of presumptuous guests and ungracious hosts, look no further than your in-laws’ contact file. The fault, however, may not lie solely with them. If this has happened more than once and you cannot summon the courage to tell these greedy folks to put away their Tupperware and help with the dishes, you can’t blame them for assuming you don’t mind being imposed upon in this way.

As to the sister-in-law who refused to allow you to bring any of her food to your sick husband, I wouldn’t blame you if you chose not to grace her table again after telling her the reason why.

DEAR ABBY: I am an adopted 17-year-old high school senior, and I live with four people who all have a disability. I want to move out when I’m 18 if I am able to. I have several older brothers and sisters, but they each have a family to take care of. My oldest brother is in his 60s, and my youngest in his 40s.

I don’t want to seem selfish for wanting to live independently, but I don’t know how to tell them. I don’t know how to tell them anything because, in the past, they haven’t listened to me. If you have any advice on how to tell them, I would be very grateful. – Nervous Girl In New York

DEAR NERVOUS GIRL: I wish you had mentioned when you will be turning 18, because at that point you will be legally entitled to live wherever you wish, and your parents and siblings will HAVE to “listen to you.”

Because you are determined to move, it is crucial that you start preparing now. You will need to find a job so you can afford a security deposit and pay for rent, food, etc. You may also have to find roommates until you can afford a place that is all your own. A counselor at school may be able to guide you, particularly if you plan to continue your education.

Dear Abby is written by Abigail Van Buren, also known as Jeanne Phillips, and was founded by her mother, Pauline Phillips. Contact Dear Abby at www.DearAbby.com or P.O. Box 69440, Los Angeles, CA 90069.

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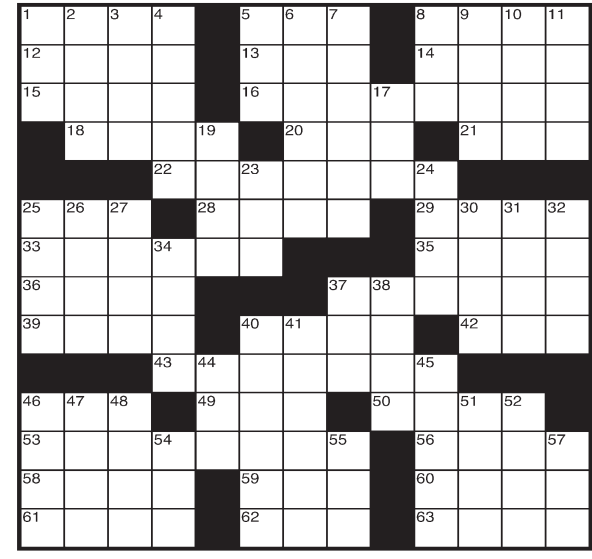
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How to play: Complete the grid so that every row, column and 3x3 box contains every digit from 1 to 9.

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JUMBLE

Unscramble these Jumbles, one letter to each square, to form four ordinary words.

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THAT SCRAMBLED WORD GAME

By David L. Hoyt and Jeff Knurek

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Now arrange the circled letters to form the surprise answer, as suggested by the above cartoon.

(Answers Monday)

Yesterday's Jumbles: WHIRL BISON GUTTER PALACE
Answer: The Olympic high jumpers' favorite beverage was — SPRING WATER

THE FAMILY CIRCUS By Bil Keane

“Hi, Mrs. Lincicome. Could my Mommy borrow some breadcrumbs, an onion and a cookie?”

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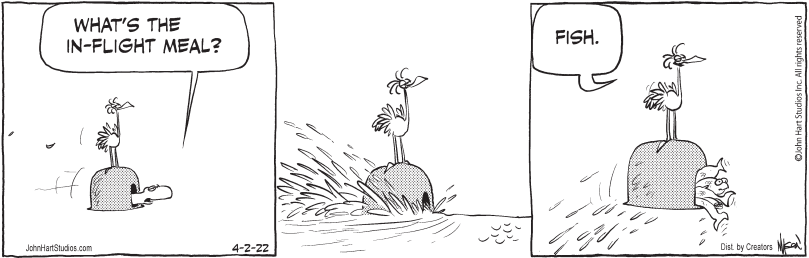
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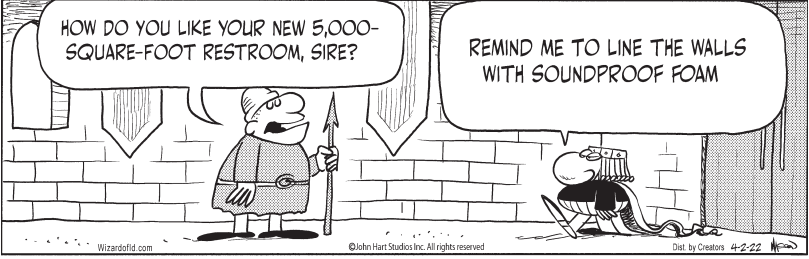
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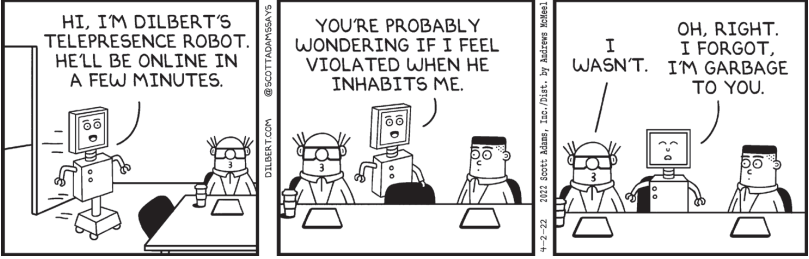
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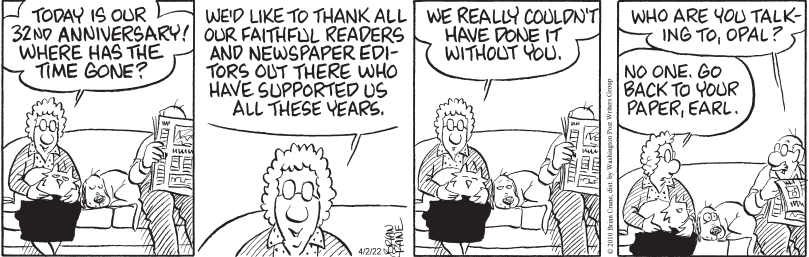
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God blesses those who commit themselves to prayer

Q: There are frequent references about asking people to pray and ask God for help. I hear this from politicians to preachers, from the media to the medical world, yet when I personally talk to some of these individuals, they really don’t know how to pray. What does this say? – P.Q.

A: When we have a personal relationship with Jesus Christ, we can be certain that God hears our prayers. And He Himself gave us the example of true prayer to the Father in Heaven. The Bible tells us that Jesus prayed hours before breakfast, rising up a great while before daybreak (Mark 1:35). The precious hours of fellowship with His Father meant more to Him than sleep (Luke 6:12). Jesus would leave the great crowds gathered

to hear Him preach and go to the wilderness so that He could spend time in prayer (Luke 5). How different our world would be if people were committed to do the same.

God blesses those who commit themselves to prayer. Noah prayed, and God gave him a blueprint to build the ark. Moses prayed, and God delivered the Israelites from bondage. Daniel prayed, and the mouths of the lions were closed. Elijah prayed, and the fire of God consumed the sacrifice in the presence of the proph-

ets of Baal. David prayed, and he defeated Goliath on the Philistine battleground. The disciples prayed, and 3,000 people were added to the church in one day. Paul prayed, and hundreds of churches were born in Asia Minor and Europe. God does answer prayer when we pray according to His will.

Remember that the disciples asked Jesus to teach them to pray. We must ask God to help us pray with our hearts and minds centered on Him. This is the power of prayer.

CELEBRITY CIPHER
by Luis Campos

Celebrity Cipher cryptograms are created from quotations by famous people, past and present. Each letter in the cipher stands for another.

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— V S B B S I N S C G Y B

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Solid Waste Admin Fees \$ 560.00

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BAPTIST

Southside Free Will Baptist, 360 Columbus Street. Pastor Tim Webb. Sunday School 10am. Worship Service 11am. Sunday Evening 6pm. Wednesday Evening 6pm. Sunday worship services streaming online

 **Wabash Free Will Baptist Church**, 1056 Erie Street. Wednesday evening prayer meeting 6pm. Sunday School 10am, Church 11am; evening service 6pm.

CATHOLIC

 **St. Bernard Catholic Church**, corner of Cass & Sinclair. Father Levi Nkwocha. Masses: Saturday 5:30 p.m. and Sunday 9:30 a.m.; Monday, Wednesday and Friday at 5:30 p.m. and Tuesday and Thursday at 8:15 a.m.


 **St. Patrick's Catholic Church**, Main Street in Lagro Mass Time: 11 a.m. First Sunday of the month throughout the year except January and February. Let us worship together.

CHRISTIAN CHURCH


 **Christian Heritage Church**, 2776 River Road. (260) 569-7710. Pastor Tim Prater. Sunday 8:30am. Radio Ministry 95.9 WKUZ. Sunday School 9:30am. Morning Service 10:30am. Sunday evening 6pm. Wednesday evening 6pm. Online services on Sunday at 10:30 am and Wednesday 6:00 pm

LaFontaine Christian Church, 202 Bruner Pike, LaFontaine
Minister Brad Wright. (765) 981-2101. Worship 9am & 10:30am, Nursery & Jr. Church available. Online Services available on our website

CHURCH OF CHRIST

 **Church of Christ**, Wabash (corner of N Wabash Street and US 24). Evangelist Josh Fennell (260) 563-8234. Sunday School 9am. Morning Worship 10am. Evening Worship 6:30pm. Wednesday Service 7pm. Wednesday Kid's Jam 7pm.

CHURCH OF THE BRETHREN

 **Wabash Church of the Brethren**, 645 Bond Street (off Falls Avenue). Pastor Doug Veal. (260) 563-5291. Wherever you are on life's journey, come join us as we continue the work of Jesus...Peacefully, Simply, Together. Sunday School 9:30am. Worship 10:30am. Children's church and nursery available during worship. Online Service through website or conference call.

DISCIPLES OF CHRIST

 **Wabash Christian Church (Disciples of Christ)**, 110 W. Hill St., Wabash; Stephen Eberhard, Minister; phone: 260-563-4179; website: www.wabashchristian.org. Worship Service 9:30 a.m. Nursery provided. Find us on YouTube and Facebook.

FRIENDS CHURCH

 **Wabash Friends Church**, 3563 S State Rd 13. (260) 563-8452. Lead Pastor, Brandon Eaton. Join us for in-person worship at 8:30AM or 10:45AM, or via live-stream on Facebook at 10:45AM. Children's programming available infants - 6th grade. Sunday school for all ages at 9:45AM. Youth (7th-12th) Sunday evenings at 6:30PM.

INDEPENDENT CHRISTIAN CHURCH

 **Bachelor Creek Church of Christ**, 4 miles north of Wabash on St. Rd. 15; phone 260-563-4109; website: bachelorcreek.com; Worship Minister - Michael Eaton, Student Minister - David Diener, Children's Minister - Tyler Leland, Middle School & Small Groups Minister - Nate Plyler, Next Steps & Outreach Minister - Ryan Keim, Women's Director- Taylor McFarland, Early Childhood Director - Janet Legesse. Worship 9:15 a.m. & 10:45 a.m.


LUTHERAN

Living Faith Lutheran Church (NALC), 242 S. Huntington St., Wabash, IN. Worship begins each Sunday morning at 10:10 a.m. with Bible study classes for all ages at 9:00 a.m. Everyone is welcome to join us for worship. Worship Services live streamed on our website. www.LivingFaithWabash.org

Trinity Lutheran Church (ELCA), 1500 S Wabash Street. Pastor Dr. Kent Young. (260) 563-6626. We worship our Lord each Sunday at 9:30am with Gospel-based message and Holy Communion. There is a time of fellowship and refreshments immediately following the service. We are handicap accessible and everyone is welcome at Trinity! tlcwabash@gmail.com.

UNITED METHODIST

 **North Manchester United Methodist Church**, 306 E Second Street, North Manchester. Pastor Steve Bahrt. (260) 982-7537. Worship Service 8:15am & 10:30am. Coffee Fellowship 9am. Sunday School 9:30am.

 **Richvalley United Methodist Church**, 290 N Jefferson. (260) 563-1033. Pastor Jack Suits. Worship service begins at 9:30am. Nursery available. Sunday School begins at 10:45am for all age.



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Daily Bible Reading					
Psalm 43	John 9:1-12	John 9:13-41	John 11:1-27	John 11:28-44	John 11:45-57
12:1-11					

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